

Subject: Paving of Unalakleet Roads
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To Whom It May Concern:

I am 29 years old and a life long resident of Unalakleet. I have lived near the airport and in several different locations with in my community. I see a desperate need for the paving of our streets. I, myself, do not suffer from allergies or health problems as a result of dust but several people in the community do.

I drive ATVs in the summer and when the roads are dry it is very difficult to see if someone is driving ahead of you. Dust is an awful problem. It ends up in houses, in your hair, teeth, nose and eyes. I don't even like to leave my windows and doors open in the summer because of the large amounts of dust that accumulates in my home. What an awful hot summer it must be for those whose health is affected by dust particles.

In the summer my grandmother likes to hang clothes on her line out side of her house, as do many others in Unalakleet, but she can only do it when the east wind is blowing so her clothes don't get all dusty as she lives near a well traveled road. There are fish racks all around our community and more and more people are using them, much to thier dislike, because of the high gas prices. People can hardly afford to travel back and forth to their fish camps to take care of thier fish. If you have ever tried dried fish, you know that good dried fish does not have dust.

If the State of Alaska Department of Transportation were to pave the roads after or during the paving of the airport runway, the state would save a lot of money by doing this while the equipment is still here and available. I know that we are a small community. It is hard to see all of the transportation monies given to bigger communities or cities like Nome and Anchorage when we suffer here in the village. These communities/cities get upgraded while we get denied. Please take into consideration our need and our desire to live a healthier life.

Thank you for your time.
Sincerely,
Carol G. Charles